

REMARKS

Prior to the application becoming abandoned as of August 18, 2004, claims 1 through 44 were pending.

Upon granting of Applicant's Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally ("Petition"), in the above-identified patent application, as presently solicited, claims 1-44 will again be pending.

In the Final Office action dated May 17, 2004, claims 16-39 and 42 were indicated to be allowable. Claim 8 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 40-41, and 43-44 were rejected.

Applicants understand that claims 16 through 27 are no longer considered to be allowable, even though these claims were indicated to be allowable in the final Office action.

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With this response, Applicants amend the pending claims to place the application in condition for allowance. The current amendments cancel all non-allowable subject matter from the claims, and the Application's claims now include only subject matter understood by Applicants (based on conversations with Examiner M. Brown) to be allowed (claims 27-39 and 42) and subject matter amended to place claim 8 in condition for allowance (claim 8 is amended to be in independent form and contain all of the features of claim 1).

With the present amendment, Claim 8 is amended and claims 1-7, 9-26, 40-41, and 43-44 are canceled. Claims 8, 27-39, and 42 remain for consideration and are understood to be allowed or allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.